

APPENDIX A TO PART 151—SPOT-MONTH POSITION LIMITS

Contract	Referenced contract spot-month limit
Agricultural Referenced Contracts	
ICE Futures U.S. Cocoa	1,000
ICE Futures U.S. Coffee C	500
Chicago Board of Trade Corn	600
ICE Futures U.S. Cotton No. 2	300
ICE Futures U.S. FCOJ-A	300
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Class III Milk	1,500
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Feeder Cattle	300
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Lean Hog	950
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Live Cattle	450
Chicago Board of Trade Oats	600
Chicago Board of Trade Rough Rice	600
Chicago Board of Trade Soybeans	600
Chicago Board of Trade Soybean Meal	720
Chicago Board of Trade Soybean Oil	540
ICE Futures U.S. Sugar No. 11	5,000
ICE Futures U.S. Sugar No. 16	1,000
Chicago Board of Trade Wheat	600
Minneapolis Grain Exchange Hard Red Spring Wheat	600
Kansas City Board of Trade Hard Winter Wheat	600
Metal Referenced Contracts	
Commodity Exchange, Inc. Copper	1,200
New York Mercantile Exchange Palladium	650
New York Mercantile Exchange Platinum	500
Commodity Exchange, Inc. Gold	3,000
Commodity Exchange, Inc. Silver	1,500
Energy Referenced Contracts	
New York Mercantile Exchange Light Sweet Crude Oil	3,000
New York Mercantile Exchange New York Harbor Gasoline Blendstock	1,000
New York Mercantile Exchange Henry Hub Natural Gas	1,000
New York Mercantile Exchange New York Harbor Heating Oil	1,000

APPENDIX B TO PART 151—EXAMPLES OF BONA FIDE HEDGING TRANSACTIONS AND POSITIONS

A non-exhaustive list of examples of bona fide hedging transactions or positions under §151.5 is presented below. A transaction or position qualifies as a bona fide hedging transaction or position when it meets the requirements under §151.5(a)(1) and one of the enumerated provisions under §151.5(a)(2). With respect to a transaction or position that does not fall within an example in this appendix, a person seeking to rely on a bona fide hedging exemption under §151.5 may seek guidance from the Division of Market Oversight.

1. ROYALTY PAYMENTS

a. Fact Pattern: In order to develop an oil field, Company A approaches Bank B for financing. To facilitate the loan, Bank B first establishes an independent legal entity commonly known as a special purpose vehicle (SPV). Bank B then provides a loan to the SPV. Payments of principal and interest from the SPV to the Bank are based on a

fixed price for crude oil. The SPV in turn makes a production loan to Company A. The terms of the production loan require Company A to provide the SPV with volumetric production payments (VPPs) based on the SPV's share of the production and the prevailing price of crude oil. Because the price of crude may fall, the SPV reduces that risk by entering into a NYMEX Light Sweet Crude Oil crude oil swap with Swap Dealer C. The swap requires the SPV to pay Swap Dealer C the floating price of crude oil and for Swap Dealer C to pay a fixed price. The notional quantity for the swap is equal to the expected production underlying the VPPs to the SPV.

Analysis: The swap between Swap Dealer C and the SPV meets the general requirements for bona fide hedging transactions (§151.5(a)(1)(i)–(iii)) and the specific requirements for royalty payments (§151.5(a)(2)(vi)). The VPPs that the SPV receives represent anticipated royalty payments from the oil field's production. The swap represents a substitute for transactions to be made in the physical marketing channel. The SPV's swap position qualifies as a hedge because it is